

## Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) An on-vehicle navigation system ~~which provides for providing~~ guidance ~~not with map display but simply with at least one of~~ one or more characters ~~and/or and~~ one or more symbols ~~and not a map display~~, said on-vehicle navigation system comprising:

a data storage section ~~for storing operable to store~~ map data;

an input section ~~through which operable to receive~~ a destination is inputted;

a position detection section ~~for detecting operable to detect~~ a current position of a vehicle;

a route search section ~~for finding operable to find~~ a recommended route from ~~said the~~ current position to ~~said the~~ destination using ~~said the~~ map data;

a guidance data generation section ~~for generating operable to generate~~, from ~~said the~~ map data and ~~said the~~ recommended route, guidance data ~~needed~~ for the guidance;

a guidance section ~~for providing operable to provide~~ the guidance in a manner based on ~~said the~~ guidance data and ~~said the~~ current position; and

an output section ~~for making operable to generate at least one of~~ a display output ~~and/or using the~~ at least one of the one or more characters and the one or more symbols ~~and a sound output about the guidance provided by said guidance section, wherein~~

when the current position of the vehicle is on ~~said the~~ recommended route after passing a guidance point, said guidance section ~~provides is operable to provide~~ a message ~~telling indicating~~ that the vehicle is driving properly.

2. (Currently amended) An on-vehicle navigation system ~~which provides for providing~~ guidance ~~not with map display but simply with at least one of~~ one or more characters ~~and/or and~~ one or more symbols ~~and not a map display~~, said on-vehicle navigation system comprising:

a data storage section ~~for storing operable to store~~ map data;

an input section ~~through which operable to receive~~ a destination is inputted;

a position detection section ~~for detecting operable to detect~~ a current position of a vehicle;

a route search section for finding operable to find a recommended route from said the current position to said the destination using said the map data;

a guidance data generation section for generating operable to generate, from said the map data and said the recommended route, guidance data composed of comprising guidance information needed for the guidance, and area information corresponding to a predetermined point in the a vicinity of said the recommended route;

a guidance section for providing operable to provide the guidance in a manner based on said the guidance data and said the current position; and

an output section for making operable to generate at least one of a display output and/or using the at least one or more characters and the at least one or more symbols and a sound output about the guidance provided by said guidance section, wherein

said guidance section provides is operable to provide the guidance according to said the area information when the vehicle passes by said the predetermined point.

3. (Currently amended) An on-vehicle navigation system which provides for providing guidance not with map display but simply with at least one of one or more characters and/or and one or more symbols and not a map display, said on-vehicle navigation system comprising:

a data storage section for storing operable to store map data;

an input section through which operable to receive a destination is inputted;

a position detection section for detecting operable to detect a current position of a vehicle;

a route search section for finding operable to find a recommended route from said the current position to said the destination using said the map data;

a guidance data generation section for generating operable to generate, from said the map data and said the recommended route, guidance data composed of comprising guidance information needed for the guidance, and predetermined destination information about said the destination and therearound;

a guidance section for providing operable to provide the guidance in a manner based on said the guidance data and said the current position; and

an output section operable to generate at least one of for making a display output and/or using the at least one of the one or more characters and the at least one or more symbols and a sound output about the guidance provided by said guidance section, wherein

said guidance section provides is operable to provide the guidance according to said the destination information when the vehicle reaches said the destination.

4. (Currently amended) The on-vehicle navigation system according to claim 1, wherein

said guidance section provides the is operable to provide a message telling indicating that the vehicle is driving being driven properly by referring to a satisfaction level based on a proximity factor derived from distances from the current position of the vehicle to said the recommended route, and to another route closer thereto.

5. (Currently amended) The on-vehicle navigation system according to claim 1, wherein

said guidance data generation section generates is operable to generate the guidance data including area information corresponding to a predetermined point in the a vicinity of said the recommended route together with guidance information needed for the guidance, and

when the vehicle passes by said the predetermined point, said guidance section is operable to further provides provide the guidance in a manner based on said the area information.

6. (Currently amended) The on-vehicle navigation system according to claim 1, wherein

said guidance data generation section generates is operable to generate the guidance data including predetermined destination information about said the destination and therearound together with guidance information needed for the guidance, and

when the vehicle reaches said the destination, said guidance section is operable to further provides provide the guidance in a manner based on said the destination information.

7. (Currently amended) The on-vehicle navigation system according to claim 1, wherein

    said guidance data generation section generates is operable to generate the guidance data including area information corresponding to the a predetermined point in the a vicinity of said the recommended route, and predetermined destination information about said the destination and therearound together with guidance information needed for the guidance, and

    said guidance section is operable to further provides provide the guidance in a manner based on said the area information when the vehicle passes by said the predetermined point, and the guidance in a manner based on said the destination information when the vehicle reaches said the destination.